Assembly Bill No. 1145

CHAPTER 976

An act to amend Section 14312 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the California Conservation Corps, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1145, Morrissey. California Conservation Corps: funding.

Existing law creates the Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps Fund in the State Treasury, for support of the California Conservation Corps, authorizes the deposit in the fund of money from various sources, including money received in payment for reimbursable work projects, available special funds, donations, and any other available money, except General Fund money, and continuously appropriates the money in the fund to the corps for specified program activities.

This bill would terminate existence of the fund and replace it with the California Conservation Corps Reimbursement Account which would be created in the General Fund for support of the corps. The bill would limit the funds available for deposit in the account to money received in payment for reimbursable work projects, excluding General Fund money. The money in the account would be continuously appropriated to the corps for the specified program activities.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14312 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

14312. (a) The Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps Reimbursement Account is hereby created in the General Fund in the State Treasury, for support of the corps.

- (b) Funds received in payment for reimbursable work projects, excluding General Fund money, may be deposited in the Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps Reimbursement Account.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the money in the Collins-Dugan California Conservation Corps

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Reimbursement Account is hereby continuously appropriated to the corps for the following program activities:

- (1) Program expansion to hire more corpsmembers.
- (2) Enhancement of corpsmember education and educational support services.
- (3) Enhancement of equipment used by corpsmembers in projects meeting the corps' mission.
- (4) Program support when legislatively directed reimbursement targets are unmet in a given fiscal year.
- SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that California Conservation Corps projects, including projects pertaining to fire protection and suppression and youth development can be implemented as soon as possible, thereby providing needed public improvements and service and additional experience, training, and educational opportunities for the youth in this state, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.